

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is a blatant partisan misuse of the corporation's control over the information that Americans view, and must be stopped.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the company itself, and less of what we need for our democracy. Namely, we need diverse sources of information. Only then can Americans make informed decisions based on our assessments of diverse viewpoints.

Sinclair's actions show the dangers of media mergers and why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to ensure that Americans are allowed access to more than the information offered by a handful of corporate media giants.

Please help protect democracy in our beloved country by stopping Sinclair's actions.

Thank you.